

## House Resolution 1304

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove the prohibition of pari-mutuel  
2 betting and casino gambling; to authorize dedication of revenue from taxation of pari-mutuel  
3 betting, casino gambling, or both; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission  
4 of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

7 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by striking subparagraph  
8 (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "(a) Except as herein specifically provided in this Paragraph VIII, all lotteries, and the sale  
10 of lottery tickets, ~~and all forms of pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling~~ are hereby  
11 prohibited; and this prohibition shall be enforced by penal laws."

**SECTION 2.**

13 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by inserting a new  
14 subparagraph to be designated as subparagraph (n) to read as follows:

15 "(n)(1) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for the use of  
16 revenue from taxation of pari-mutuel betting or casino gambling or both for the purposes  
17 of funding for health care programs.

18 (2) Pari-mutuel betting, casino gambling, or both shall not be allowed in any county  
19 without approval of the governing authority of the county and a majority of the qualified  
20 electors residing in such county voting on a referendum thereon. The General Assembly  
21 shall provide by general law the procedure for calling such referendums."

**SECTION 3.**

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to remove the constitutional prohibition against pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling  
( ) NO and authorize if approved by local county referendum the dedication of revenue from taxation of pari-mutuel betting or casino gambling or both to the health care programs?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.